



ACTS AND LAWS,

Made and passed by the General Assembly
of the State of Connecticut, in America
holden at New-Haven, on the second
Thursday of October, Anno Dom. 1786.

An Act in Alteration of a Law of this State, entitled, " An Act vest-
" ting the United States in Congress assembled, with Power to regulate
" the Commerce of the United States."

WHEREAS the Powers and Authorities given and granted, are by
said Act to continue in Force for the Term of Fifteen Years, from
the Time of passing said Act; which is dissimilar in Point of Duration, to Preamble.
the Authority granted by other States, for the Purpose of regulating
Trade. To remedy which Inconvenience.

*Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives, in General Court
assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Powers and Authorities* Powers, &c.
granted Con-
gress, to con-
tinue 15 years
from, &c.
given and granted to the United States, in Congress assembled, by the
afore said Act, shall continue and be in Force for the Term of Fifteen Years,
from and after the Time Congress shall begin to exercise the same; any
Thing in said Act notwithstanding.

An Act in Addition to an Act, entitled, " An Act for the levying a Duty
" on certain Articles of Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into
" this State, by Land or Water."

Masters of
vessels under
35 tons, to
report to, &c.
within 24
hours after
arrival in &c.

Paragraph of
an act refer-
red to.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Master of every Vessel or Boat under the Burthen of Thirty-five Tons, coming into any Port, Harbour, River or Creek into this State, from any Place out of this State, shall, within Twenty-fours Hours after arriving in such Port, Harbour, River or Creek, and before breaking Bulk, make true Reports or Entries, at the Office of the Naval-Officer, or his Deputy, in the respective Towns in which such Vessel or Boat arrives; and such Masters shall obey all such Customs, Rules, Laws and Regulations as have, or shall be made relative thereto, as is prescribed in the last Paragraph of an Act, entitled, " An Act for the Regulation of Navigation," and on the Neglect, or Refusal of such Master, to comply with this Regulation, such Vessel or Boat upon Seizure, and Information made to the Court, proper to try the same, shall be liable to Condemnation, in the same Way and Manner, and according to the Directions of said Paragraph, for the Breaches thereof.

An Act in Addition to a Law of this State, entitled, " An Act against Gaming."

Penalty of
20s. for play-
ing at billi-
ards, and the
like penalty
on the head of
a family, if
privy thereto.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That if any Person or Persons in this State, of what Rank, or Quality soever, shall play at Billiards, every such Person shall pay as a Fine, the sum of Twenty Shillings, for every such Offence. And the Head of every Family where any such Game is used with his, or her Privy, or Consent, shall pay in like Manner, the Sum of Twenty Shillings, for each Time any such Game is used in his, or her House, whether such Game shall be used at a public or private House; any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Penalty of
40s. for keep-
ing a billiard
table.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any Person or Persons who shall have, or keep in his, her, or their Custody or Possession at any Time after the Twentieth Day of November next, any Billiard Table, shall forfeit and pay to the Treasurer of the Town in which the same shall be kept, the Sum of Forty Shillings Lawful Money; and the like sum for every Time, as often as any such Billiard-Table shall be found in the Custody or Possession of any Person or Persons whatsoever, after the Time aforesaid; which Fines shall be recovered, and disposed of in the same Manner as is provided for the Recovery and Disposition of other Fines, by the Act aforesaid.

An Act in further Addition to the Law of this State, entitled, " An
" Act for collecting and paying Rates or Taxes.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all Executions that are or shall be issued by the Treasurer of this State, for Arrearages of Taxes against the Goods and Chattles of the Inhabitants of any Town, which hath been, or shall be divided, or altered, or hath had, or may have any Part thereof annexed to other Towns, after the Date of the Lifts, on which such Taxes are granted, shall be levied on the Goods and Chattles of the Inhabitants, within the ancient Limits of such Towns, so divided or altered, in the same Manner, and for the same Purposes as by Law might have been done, in Case no new Township, Division or Alteration had been made within such Limits.

Treasurer's executions if sued against towns that are or may be divided, to be settled in the same way as if said division had not taken place.

And the Civil Authority and Select-Men of the Towns within such ancient Limits, shall jointly make the Abatements, allowed by Law, on Taxes granted on the Lifts, given in before the Division or Alteration of such Towns, and may do all Things proper to be done by them, or any of them for the Settlement of the Business of their ancient Towns, in the same Manner as might have been done, in Case no such Division or Alteration had ever been made.

Authority and select-men of, &c. to make abatements, &c.

An Act in further Addition to a Law of this State, entitled, " An Act for
" the Direction of Lifters in their Office and Duty."

WHEREAS the Term of six Months allowed by Law, for Application to be made, for the Purpose of obtaining Abatements in the Lifts of Persons over-charged (in divers Cases) is found to be inconvenient, by Reason the Sum Total, of the Grand Levy cannot be known, at the Session of the General Assembly in May annually.

Preamble.

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That for the future, no Abatements shall be made to any Person whatsoever (in any such Cases) after the twentieth Day of April, in each Year. And that all Abatements, which shall be made, shall be lodged in the Town-Clerk's Office, by the first Day of May following. And the Sum Total thereof, shall, by the Lifters, in each Town, be returned, (with the Additions, and Four-folds) to the General Assembly, in May, annually; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the Contrary notwithstanding.

No abatements to be made after the 20th of April. Abatements to be lodged in the Town-Clerk's Office &c.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That for the future, every Mule of three Years old, or upwards, shall be set in the List at Three Pounds, and every Mule of two Years old, at Two Pounds, and every Mule of one Year old, at One Pound.

Mules to be set in the list.

An Act in Addition to the Law of this State, entitled, " An Act for laying and collecting Duties on the Importation of Rum."

N. Officers to take sufficient surety or sureties for payment of duties on rum, &c.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That in all Cases, where the Naval-Officers are by Law allowed to take Bond for securing the Payment of any Duty, or Duties, on the Importation of Rum, or any other Articles into this State, they, and every of them, shall require and take good and sufficient Surety, or Sureties in such Bonds; any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Act in Addition to an Act, entitled, " An Act for forming, regulating, and conducting the Military Force of this State."

28th regiment named and limited.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Military Companies in the Town of Stratford, together with the Military Companies now under the Command of Joseph Sherwood, and David Sherman, Part whereof belonging to the Town of Stratford, and Part to the Town of Fairfield, shall be, and remain one entire Regiment, distinguished and called by the Name of the Twenty-eight Regiment; and shall be under the same Rules and Orders, and have the same Powers, Privileges, and Advantages as other Regiments in this State by Law have, and are, and shall belong to the Fourth Brigade.

An Act in Addition to an Act, entitled, " An Act for providing and regulating Jurors in Civil Actions."

Jurors to be chosen.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Towns hereafter named, shall annually choose the Number of Jurymen, to the Name of each Town annexed, viz.

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| Number in each town. | Norwich, | Ten, | Kent, | Four, |
| | Franklin, | Six | Warren, | Four, |
| | Lisbon, | Four, | Farmington, | Eight, |
| | Bozrah, | Four, | Berlin, | Six, |
| | New-Haven, | Ten, | Bristol, | Five, |
| | Hamden, | Six, | Middletown, | Eighteen, |
| | East-Haven, | Four, | Haddam, | Ten, |
| | North-Haven, | Six, | Chatham, | Ten, |
| | New-London, | Ten, | East-Haddam, | Twelve, |
| | Montville, | Six, | Say-Brook, | Twelve, |
| | Windham, | Ten, | Killingworth, | Ten. |
| | Hampton, | Six, | | |